MISSION GALACTICA

PART 2

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VICTOR BRIGHT walks straight into his office and puts a call to the VISCOUNT .

JIM FERGUSSON Just coming into orbit around Mars .

VICTOR BRIGHT Hello VISCOUNTS I have a mission update for you .

Genie hands Eric a mug of tea with a global chemicals insignia .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Is there sugar in it ?

GENE MOCKFORD Yeah I put two sugars in as per usual .

VICTOR BRIGHT, You're to proceed to your base above the red eye of Jupiter where the DIMENSION GATE will activate for a platoon of V-O-C robots and some building materials .
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ERIC YOUNGBLOOD I've sent some packs onto the surface of Mars and we're about to eject the PHAROS PROBE containing V36 who'll start making the MARTIAN BASE .
VICTOR BRIGHT From your base over the red eye of Jupiter you proceed to Saturn 5 with six V-O-C robots who'll parachute down and start constructing TITAN BASE .
Genie moves up to the cockpit and hands Jim Ferguson a mug of tea with global chemicals stencils on the side .
JIM FERGUSSON Is there sugar in it ?
GENE MOCKFORD yeah I put two sugars in it as per usual .
JIM FERGUSSON You should have told us before .
VICTOR BRIGHT Earth is going to need an early warning defense base now the dimension gates have made galactic travel possible?
JIM FERGUSSON And Saturn 5 Titan will be that base ?
GABBY MACDOOGLE Oh I COULD CRUSH A GRAPE .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD So are you going to open a new branch of Arcadia on Uranus?
GABBY MACDOOGLE EARTH still believes the Olympians are in charge of our solar system, zeus-owning Jupiter and Aries God of war king of Mars .
JIM FERGUSSON Give me a full report on the unstable elements in the empire and I'll send it through to the VISCOUNT COMMITTEE on earth .
VICTOR BRIGHT We've detected large ice deposits on Saturn 4 and Saturn 3. You know the one with Farrah Fawcett and Kirk Douglas . One of the V-O-C Robots will attach a crystal bucephalus device to melt the ice and extract oxygen from melted H2O, then transfer it to your new Titan base .
JIM FERGUSSON So we'll wait above the red eye of Jupiter for the dimension gate to activate and let some V-O-C robots and equipment into the cargo hold then set sail for the fifth moon of
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VICTOR BRIGHT Speak to you later.The Council is in session and wants to know what happened to mMAGRATHIA .

He leaves his office and walked down the charcoal gray tiled carpet with soft light lighting on resin panels and enters the travel tube taking him through CANDERELLE, then onto an aquamarine tiled carpet down a shallow ramp to where ambassadors are waited on by VOC robots near an ornamental fountains ,
POUL moves over to the corridor and bangs the Gong .
The ambassadors get off their loungers and walk along the corridor into the council Chambers we're president Vanessa Bellamy is waiting which General Williams .
PRESIDENT VANESSA BELLAMY Thank you very much for coming back, the news agency have published the story of the arc ship found on Earth .
GENERAL WILLIAMS Thank you, Vanessa.But our top story today is the gallant rescue of the miners being held hostage by Space Raiders.And the new cyborgs from Telos..
POUL Stenton Rel. Of the KALDOR POLICE sent his troops in and forced the Space Raiders and their new Cyborg army back to Telos .
GENERAL WILLIAMS And the key personnel from Telos, including MAILIN TEKER ,TAMM and INDIA MENZIES are recovering on Meta. .
VICTOR BRIGHT That's right madam president and I've also had to request from global chemicals for a joint expedition to MAGRATHEA birthplace of humans descended from both ships .

PRESIDENT VANESSA BELLAMY Then I intend to send our latest long reconnaissance spaceship SEARCHER which is just out of dry dock near OMEGA station orbiting KALDOR .
GENERAL WILLIAMS Tell global chemicals to sense their research team and I'll join you on the SEARCHER .

A Boeing 767 lands at San Francisco airport, and Dr Goodfellow and his nurse TAM HOLDEM walk to CAROUSEL and meet REBECCA HOLDEN they walk out into the morning sunshine .
DR GOODFELLOW I've always wanted to go to San Francisco .
REBECCA HOLDEN Your needed to at the Asylum to make a team for the expedition to MAGRATHEA.
REBECCA drives through San Francisco past the Bay area and then out onto the highway towards LAS VEGAS .
DR GOODFELLOW It was a bit short notice but I jumped at the chance . We could be meeting people that can explain ancient history of Earth from the time of the ancient greeks .
REBECCA HOLDEN But according to official history growth was through trial conflicts metallurgy and agriculture .
DR GOODFELLOW Well that's true and from the journal of the INTREPID it seems they met and befriended Egyptian and the Assyrians after they crashed learned on Mount Ararat .
REBECCA HOLDEN I gather the journal was found in EGYPT before the shipwreck .?
DR GOODFELLOW In an alcove in the SPHINX ,one of the GIZA PYRAMIDS .
They pull off the highway to a large area surrounded by a high wire fence and Rebecca Holden keys in her passcode into an

INTERCOM and then drive up the road to the one story block house that make up the asylum . Electronic shutters roll up revealing a security guard at reception , and they're given their visitors badges . They walk down the white corridor with red windows in evenly spaced displaying landscape gardens either side ,and then to the elevator .
They descend 5 floors and out into a large cavern, walking past window boxes displaying mauve plants to a lounge and cafeteria illuminated with strip lights on polystyrene tiled ceiling .
They walk over the baby blue tiled carpet and into interview room 6 where Mark Greenstreet is waiting for them .
MARK GREENSTREET Dr Goodfellow this could be one of the most momentous Expeditions we have we have been lucky enough to be taking part in .
TAM HOLDEM We'll be taking standard recording equipment for The Voyage,
DR GOODFELLOW If we make in to MAGRATHEA I thought I couldn't raise a flag I mean I'm English but I thought that wouldn't be right so I brought a WELSH FLAG.
MARK GREENSTREET I believe KALDOR have advanced universal translators and we'll be able to translate the language of any homosapiens that we meet on MAGRATHEA .
TAM HOLDEM If you can show Dr GOODFELLOW the usual vending machines we'll leave in one hour's time .
After a max pac CHICKEN SOUP , GREENSTREET collects GOO0DFELLOW and TAM HOLDEM and they leave by a side exit over car park and the highway and then take seats on a rolling road conveyor belt, and sit on resin plastic benches .
GREENSTREET uses a remote control to take them through the Mojave desert the conveyor belt leading into the dimension gate patrolled by zebra squad where sergeant Arnold is checking the manifest .
SGT ARNOLD That's the last the reptiles have been sent back to nimbus 3 .
GREENSTREET Well they won't be trying to infiltrate the government again will they
GREENSTREET walks to a waste high console and keys in the coordinates for CANDERELLE , the hub is a GALACTIC FEDERATION and escorts DR GOODFELLOW and TAM HOLDEM onto the conveyor that .The twin vertical arcs.Rotate 40°, creating a rippling mercury pool in the center.And the conveyor belt moves into it.,

Moments later they are ejected onto a transporter bay and step off to be greeted by CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY and and CHIEF MOVER POUL .

POUL Delighted to meet you, Doctor Goodfellow ,I hope your journey is gonna be interesting and enjoyable. If you would like to follow ELISABETH CHERRY to the viewing gallery .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY I'll show you around and then the SEARCHER will be arriving .

Giving a brief term and then a lighter travel to you which takes them to the council chambers where Paul was walking down the spiral ramp that's the fountain where

POUL walks to the corridor and bangs the Gong and the ambassadors get off sun lounges and walked to the council chambers where president Vanessa Bellamy is sitting next to general Williams .

PRESIDENT VANESSA BELLAMY The party from earth has made it on behalf of the GALACTIC FEDERATION we impress on you the importance of this mission to find the wellspring of where our species comes from .

DR GOODFELLOW On behalf of earth I thank you madam president a mystery as to how survivors of the ARK SHIP INTREPID assimilated themselves into the ancient cultures they found when they crashed landed on a mountain in ASIA .

GENERAL WILLIAMS the ship will have four federation

pursuit ships that can be launched short notice, so can defend itself if SPACE RAIDERS attack .
The synthesized ambidextrous voice of MONITOR announces the arrival of the SEARCHER .
GENERAL WILLIAMS Let's make our way to the viewing gallery .
All ambassadors walk over to a large concave viewing window next to the council chambers where they see the searcher leaving hyperspace .

The SEARCHER Is a large ship with ejection bays on the side to launch pursuit and defense fighters,a large nose cone for the flight deck and living quarters modules on the side for research .
From the flight deck they see an umbilical cord fires to attach itself to an airlock and inflate to allow passengers onto CANDERELLE .
GENERAL WILLIAMS It seems that crew I waiting for us ,..
GENERAL WILLIAMS leads MARK GREENSTREET DOCTOR GOODFELLOW and TAM HOLDEM out the council offices and into a travel tube that whisks them to the cargo bay where an airlock is open and COMMANDER MAXELL is waiting with CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY and TAM MENZIES .
COMMANDER MAXELL Welcome dr goodfellow HAVE YOU BOUGHT THE PIZZAS
TAM HOLDEM Yes I've got some Hawaiian, margarita and some meat feast with garlic bread .
COMMANDER MAXELL If you follow CAPTAIN CHERRY she'll check you in and we leave for the fabled birthplace of civilization known as MAGRATHEA .
They follow Captain Cherry for a tour of the Searcher and Commander MAXELL What's an under Central gantry and onto a conveyor taking him through the ship then through the double doors to the flight deck maned by adjudicators and V-O-C robots .
MAXELL let's prepare to get underway,plot a subspace

course away from CANDERELLE .
He walks through a hexagonal gard Rail and sits in his command chair .
MAXELL Activate the dimension gate towards the Gamma quadrants.
Back at the viewing gallery the ambassadors watch from the concave window as the SEARCHER moves away from CANDERELLE towards the dimension gate.VICTOR BRIGHT follows the Ambassadors out of the viewing gallery then takes a travel tube back to his office where he calls LANDERCHILD of KALDOR .
VICTOR BRIGHT I've given the VISCOUNT instructions and it will soon be reaching Jupiter base .
LANDERCHILD I'll activate Jupiter base, send a crew across and resupply for the new construction on Saturn 5 known as Titan .
LANDERCHILD leaves his office and walks over to a metalic alcove taking a travel tube over the skyline of KALDOR CITY, and through the lattice surface of a round building . He walks into reception to find and stairs leading up to a stadium with alcoves containing KALDOR citizens ,picking up an INTERCOM handset he calls on COMMANDER CINNAMON then strides over through revelers to an alcove which is a three-seater with green Crushed velvet interior .
COMMANDER CINNAMON is drinkingFrom a tube
COMMANDER CINNAMON Captain CHERRY gave me shore leave so I thought I'd take advantage .
LANDERCHILD ELISABETH CHERRY is on a long range mission to find the lost civilization of MAGRATHEA .
COMMANDER CINNAMON The news agencies say it's the birthplace of the human race .
LANDERCHILD You are to assume command of omega station and send an away team over to the VISCOUNT when it comes into orbit above the red eye of JUPITER .
COMMANDER CINNAMON Oh okay then you can take over here then .
LANDERCHILD Yes, that's the ticket I've a full manifest of the items needed .

Back on the VISCOUNT Jim Ferguson activates a homing signal towards Jupiter .

JIM FERGUSSON v35 are you receiving

V35 I have you on positive track captain Ferguson, all life support units have reengaged .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Should be toasty by the time we get there .

The viscounts achieves a stable orbit adjacent to JUPITER station and V35 activates twin 50 foot dimension arcs which rotate 40 degrees creating a mercury pool in the center .A platoon of V-O-C robots come through with large packs of equipment the size of blue pallets and space walk using jetpacks into the cargo hold of the VISCOUNT .

V35 opens the airlock and space walks to join V-O-C in the cargo hold, then walks through the crew quarters to the flight deck .

V35 I sent coordinates for Titan base and shut down Jupiter Station .

JIM FERGUSSON Yes I'm just programming a flight plan all crew get ready to launch .

JEANIE MOCKFORD walks through crew quarters and hands an oiling can to v35 and a cup of tea to JIM and GABBY .
JIM FERGUSSON I have the coordinates of Titan base burn every 10 seconds till we meet maximum acceleration .
v35 joins his comrades in the cargo hold.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD . I have that first pack of communication satellites so that we can make a chain to link us to the galactic federation .
V10 hands him a small package which he places in the ejection bay and fires into the black void of space as the VISCOUNT thrusts away from the planet .
GABBY MACDOOGLE Hello viscount committee are you receiving .

Over at Leeds university a psychedelic Volkswagen camper van pulls up at a high wire fence .jON SANDINGER lets himself in using an INTERCOM then drives up to the main campus into the car park where he's met by Sarah Dunlop .
SARAH DUNLOP Why is your campervan so colorful?
JON SANDINGER It's what they used to call psychedelic, if you have a fleet of Volkswagen beetles you don't have to pay for it,I knew a Volkswagen dealer who specialized so I'm just doing my bit for the cause .
They walk into the glass fronted building and up onto the first floor landing to the VISCOUNT COMMITTEE room .
JON SANDINGER Sorry I'm late. There's a three mile tail back on the motorway. I gather the VISCOUNTS got new orders .
SANDINGER and DUNLOP sit themselves down on a glass oblong

table in Chrome and Wicker chairs.
IAN BANNAN Yeah that may be so admirable but the pictures we're getting back from the VISCOUNT are must-see viewing especially on university bulletin boards .
ALAN KEYLEY v36 has just activated for the next stage and is building the first settlement on MARS .
SARAH DUNLOP Alan Keely here is going to supervise building of the dimension gate before the construction crews go in .
SARAH DUNLOP It was considered it would be better if we control V36 on MARS especially as it's a VISCOUNT mission .
JON SANDINGER At this point we'll break, Sarah has extended leave for operation dried fruits .
I can't tell you too much but if successful her child with Harry Sullivan .
SARAH DUNLOP Who we've named Damien .
JON SANDINGER Damien will be the first child born in an artificial incubator sustained on an artificial placenta constructed by global chemicals .
SARAH DUNLOP Well that's right I need a lot of rest after donating my ovaries . I've already donated three this year and the vice chancellor's looking for other OVERY donors .
JON SANDINGER They all get a good salary and plenty of time off to recover .
SARAH DUNLOP So I'll just show you the VISCOUNT INFORMATION TECH SUIT and then I'm on my hols .
John and Alan Keely follow Sarah Dunlop across the corridor through a throng of students and into the COMPUTER ROOM then she turns on the large wall monitor .The screensaver of the Viscount Committee is replaced by rocky landscape of Mars from a digital camera attached to v35's head .
Alan Keely sits himself down on a chrome and wicker chair in front of a laptop and starts talking into the INTERCOM .
ALAN KEYLY V35 if you can make the first crew quarters for our specialist team who will be joining you with prefabricated huts that make up the first buildings Olympus Mars .
The camera shows the VOC robot walking across the margin landscape. With text messages translated into speech out of the speaker of the intercom.
v36 I've just unpacked for my capsule and checking the vacuum packed components
ALAN KEYLY Ok I'll check in with you once you've made the dimension gate and I'll give you a live feed from the

galactic federation news and keep you occupied while you assemble .

V36 Loud and clear ALAN .

Out in space the VISCOUNT levels off adjacent to the fifth moon of SATURN,TITAN .From his operations console ERIC YOUNGBLOOD ejects packs onto the surface for assembly by V-O-C .

Jim Ferguson uses maneuvering thrusters towards SATURN 6 we're V-O-C space walk from the cargo hold over and attach a CRYSTAL BUCEPHALUS device to large icebergs embedded in the rock releasing oxygen from H2O which fills tanks in the cargo hold of the VISCOUNT .

GABBY MACDOOGLE This will create the temporary atmosphere we'll need on Titan . .JIM
FERGUSSON Luckily, the VOC robot don't need oxygen.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD It's a piece of cake we oxygenate the atmosphere while we're here, or when we blast off from TITAN BASE in South England.
GABBY MACDOOGLE .And keep the VOC here as an active. a forward base
GENE MOCKFORD On guard against invasion from unknown forces throughout the Galaxy.
JIM FERGUSSON And seeing as it's very low gravity outside we have a landing pad for the Viscount and a permanent base.

V10 attaches a cable to the top of the.Crystal Bucephalus device.
V10 Crystal Bucephalus ready for activation.
V10 Follows the line of the cables after activating the crystal Bucephalus device and attaches the cable to the top of the newly constructed module on Titan base.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD From my operations console I can see.V15-20 constructing the cabins to make up the Titan base.
JIM FERGUSSON V21 and V22.If you can take down the landing pad and position next to the cabins.
GABBY MACDOOGLE Once I have laser tracking, I can program the maneuvering thrusters to give us a soft landing and a magnetic lock.
The VOC robots attach the landing pad and from her controlled console, Gabby MacDougall programs in a laser guided landing.
JIM and GABBY leave the cockpit and go into the operations room joining Eric and Genie and the airlock connects to the new Titan base module.
GENE MOCKFORD Well, let's start with some fixtures and fixing fittings and make ourselves hope.
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD Then we leave for a hero's welcome back on Earth.